

I deeply appreciate the warm welcome that you have given me as your Transitional Senior Minister. I am honored to have been invited to serve you in this ministry. The fundamental purpose of which is to assist a congregation through an opportune time for self study of what it believes God wants it to be in church and community. This will be reflected in a new church profile which will give candidates for your new Senior Minister a clear understanding of how Glenview Community Church functions and will require of them.

A transitional period, which is 12 to 18 months in duration, can be challenging and exciting, as well as constructive and productive. However, some transitional discomfort, stemming from our human nature and often fed by our past experiences, can occur. This discomfort can express itself as anxiety, worry, doubt, depression, fear, illness and even spiritual distress. Consequently, a major task in the transitional period involves the congregation looking back in its history on what has worked and has not worked for it, then moving ahead, maintaining, if needs be, only the positive aspects of its past. Moreover, the transitional minister may function as a "healer," "bridge builder," and conflict manager to bring congregants together to work out longlasting, emotionally charged issues in order to reconcile, forgive, recognize that "the past is past," and, most especially, to understand that the congregation is now on a new journey into the future.

When I was interviewed to be your Transitional Senior Minister, I was quite impressed with your leadership's understanding of what would be expected of me in this position. In addition to assuming all responsibilities of Senior Minister, I was informed that I would help the congregation come to terms with its history, discover its new identity, strengthen its relationships with the denomination, renew its mission partners, and develop strategies for increasing its worship at-

tendance and membership. Your leadership had formed a "big picture" and its many "scenes" for a transitional period that can be full of opportunities for growth and development, and lead to a much stronger congregation.

Throughout the time that I am with you, the door of my office will always be open to discuss any issues affecting the life of the congregation, as well as to serve your spiritual needs. My only request is that any concern you might have with any aspect of my ministry immediately be expressed directly to Bill Dailey or me, so that it can be addressed and resolved.

The changes in times and titles for our full worship schedule reflect suggestions offered by various members of the congregation. The 8:00-8:40 a.m. service will give those who wish to attend Adult Education (8:50-9:50 a.m.) sufficient time to move to the Chapel, and in turn those attending Adult Education sufficient time to move to the Sanctuary for Community Worship (10:00-11:00 a.m.) The 8:00 a.m. worship service, entitled "A Time for Spiritual Reflection," is in the process of being developed by Reverend Pam and me. As requested, fewer hymns, and hymns of a more "spiritual nature," such as songs from the Taizé Community, guided and other forms of meditation, congregational contribution to prayers, and sermons exploring the meaning of spirituality in the context of Holy Scripture are being considered. Titling the 10:00 a.m. service, "Community Service," is intended to present Glenview Community Church as "the" community church. As always, we will welcome any comments, positive or negative, as well as suggestions, relative to these changes and our worship in general.

Yours in Christ,

Doug

#### WORSHIP SERVICES

There will be special music each Sunday.

#### **AUGUST 28, 2011**

9:30 a.m.

**Scripture:** 

Exodus 3:1-15, Romans 12:9-13

#### **Sermon:**

"Spirit-Led Living" Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

Erika Grad will share her recent trip to Kenya

## SEPTEMBER 4, 2011 COMMUNION

9:30 a.m.

**Scripture:** 

Psalm 100; Acts 17:22-28

#### Sermon:

"How Close is God?" Rev. Dr. Pamela Kecker

# SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 RALLY DAY

8:00 a.m.

A Time of Reflection

10:00 a.m.

**Community Worship** 

**Scripture:** 

Psalm 100; 1 Corinthians 12:14-26

#### **Sermon:**

"All Together" Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

4:00 p.m.

2nd Sunday Informal Worship







### Mark your calendar!

Our first 60 Plus Luncheon will be held in the Mayflower Room on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 12:00 noon. We're excited that The Abington of Glenview will present an informational program titled "Are You Having So Much Trouble Because Of Your Arthritis?" Don't miss this unique opportunity for good food, friends and the chance to become better informed about a condition which effects so many.

If you need a ride, please call Marilyn, Parish Nurse at 847-724-2210 ext. 230.

## Radical Hospitality at GCC

Looking for more **AMBASSADORS** to extend "Radical Hospitality" at GCC.

Glenview Community Church appreciates all those who serve as Ambassadors at each of our worship services. Members and friends enjoy the warm greetings; visitors appreciate the welcome and helpful information about child care, Sunday school, fellowship, events. If you would like to volunteer to serve and help extend "Radical Hospitality", please call M-J Detwiler at (847) 724-4844 or e-mail mjcd2223@gmail.com. You are scheduled approximately once every 6 weeks. We are always looking for more subs if that's more suitable for you. If you are serving as an Ambassador and want to continue you don't need to do anything.

## RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 11

Come meet new families and say hello to all after the 10 a.m. service. There will be lunch, cupcake walk, games and more.

### **Bylaws Changes**

Here is a summary of changes to the Bylaws of the Constitution of Glenview Community Church that were recently approved by the Executive Board.

- The size of the Children's Ministry Board was reduced from 12 members plus 1 chair to 10 members plus 1 chair.
- 2. The size of the Fellowship Board was reduced from 12 members plus 1 chair to 10 members plus 1 chair.
- The process for changing the title of an Associate Minister or Assistant Minister was clarified. The approved additions are shown in bold type below.

In The Bylaws Article I Section A.1.b.:
Associate Minister or Assistant Minister are elected ministerial offices of the Church and shall assist and aid the Senior Minister in the ministry of the Church. Based on the will of the Congregation, there may be more than one Associate or Assistant Minister. The Executive Board may alter the title of an Associate or Assistant Minister to reflect the duties and responsibilities of that Associate or Assistant Minister.

In The Bylaws Article I Section C.2.:
The Executive Board or the Congregation may alter the duties, titles and responsibilities of each member of the Council of Ministry at any time. The Senior Minister shall periodically review the duties, titles and responsibilities of each member of the Council of Ministry and may, after consultation with said Council of Ministry member, recommend to the Executive Board changes in their duties, titles and responsibilities.

## **Lectio Divina**

Meditation will resume again on September 8, 2011. We meet the second Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Room 5. If you have any questions, please call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210 ext. 230.

#### A Just Harvest Invites You

I would like to invite you to the A Just Harvest Banquet and Benefit on Sunday, October 23. It will be held at the Mid-America Club on the 80th floor of the Aon Center. Starting at 5:00 p.m., you get to enjoy appetizers and something to drink while watching the sun set over the city and the lights emerge. It's a great time to mingle with those who are feeding the poor and working to address the causes of poverty. A lovely meal is followed by a silent auction. The tickets are \$100.

Please let me know if you would like to join Tom and me for this fabulous event.

Pam Riedy A Just Harvest Board Member Aquaponics Committee

## **Come Sing With Us**

August is the time to decide about committing to Children's Choir for 2011-2012! Come join us and sing to the Lord! We have a choir for every child at GCC from age 3 to 14 years of age taught by Mrs. Debby Shellard.

Children in 3rd through 8th grade can join Voices of GCC. They meet every Sunday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in room 201. This group sings 9 times throughout the year in worship including

Pageant and Easter. Children in Kindergarten through 2nd Grade can participate in Primary Choir. They meet every Sunday morning from 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. in Room 201, right before Sunday School. This group sings 5 times throughout the year in worship and together with Voices of GCC will be presenting Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on April 22, 2012. Three and four year olds sing with Mrs. Shellard in Sunday School every Sunday and present a few songs to the congregation in May.

How do I sign up? Please contact Becky Lothian via email at <u>dblothian@comcast.net</u> or Karen Ornduff via email at <u>Karen.ornduff@sbcglobal.net</u> and they'll get you signed up.

Our first rehearsal for Voices of GCC is August 28th so mark your calendars and join us for a year of singing fun!



Support the Northfield Food Pantry and a Gardener

Chances are, you've seen the garden on GCC's south lawn, You'v

south lawn. You've seen peas growing up a colorful trellis. You've spotted kids with trowels working the dirt on Sundays. What you haven't seen is the result of all of this work: hundreds of pounds of organic vegetables and herbs delivered over the growing season to the families of the Northfield Food Pantry.

The Organic Pantry Profit (TOPP), a local not-for-profit group, together with GCC and Pleasant Ridge Elementary School, have created 2 donation gardens that benefit the Northfield Food Pantry (NFP). Not only have these gardens provided hundreds of pounds of organic herbs and vegetables to the NFP, but They has provided an avenue to support and educate children learning about gardening and healthy eating. TOPP has worked closely with the Children's Ministry at GCC to bring children out to the garden during Sunday school throughout the growing season; to help plant, tend, and harvest the crops. Likewise, children at Pleasant Ridge are invited to join TOPP in the garden during recess



several days a week when school is in session as well a during the summer.

The energetic kids and wonderful adult volunteers have demonstrated such pride in their efforts and really understand that what they are doing is helping a whole lot of people within their own community. TOPP would like to recognize these volunteers as well as all supporters of the donation gardens through a shirt sale.

The green shirts will have TOPP's logo on the front and "Bee a Gardener" on the back with a bee. in recognition of the research on bees that is being conducted at our gardens and many others across the Chicago area. Orders for shirts will be taken during coffee hour at the garden on August 28 as well as during Rally Day on September 11. Shirts will be sold for \$15 each and all proceeds will be put back into the gardens to cover operational costs such as seeds, compost, stakes, harvest bags, and more, thus ensuring that we are providing the most bountiful yield possible to the folks at the NFP!

We appreciate your support and invite you to come to the garden!



We offer our prayers and support to Rev. Pam Keckler on the death of her step father, Edwin Stemen August 11, 2011. A service was held in Indiana.

Our sympathy and prayers to Virginia White and family on the death of her husband, John White who died on July 23, 2011.

## **Sunday School**

Sunday School continues to meet each Sunday in the summer. Children attend the first part of worship with their family, have a Children's moment with a leader or minister and then go to class or help in the gardens outside the church building.

There are also books, crayons and paper in the Narthex for those who choose to stay in worship. Regular Sunday School classes begin September 11 at 10:00 a.m. If you are new, please register in the church office.

#### **Confirmation**

#### **7TH GRADE:**

This year we have four classes for our large gruop of 7th grade Confirmands. If you have not registered yet, please do so as soon as possible. Our first class session will be on September 11, Rally Day Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

#### **7TH AND 8TH GRADES:**

A special Parent Information meeting will be held on September 25 at 9:00 a.m.



### A Taste of Our Garden

Come to our garden during coffee hour on August 28 for garden tasting! Despite the unusual weather we have experienced this summer, the Rainbow Garden is doing well and we are seeing a bounty of produce to harvest and donate to the Northfield Food Pantry. This season, our Sunday schoolers have planted, nurtured, and harvested many different organic herbs and vegetables and we'd like to offer the congregation an opportunity to taste this wonderful food. Coffee hour will be served next to the garden on August 28 and will include a tasting table as well as make-your-own fruit kabobs for the kids. Join us for a taste and tour!

# BACK TO SCHOOL KITS

#### PLEASE DONATE NOW

Crayons and rulers and scissors, oh my! We need school supplies! GCC congregation members, families, and friends will be assembling Back to School Kits on Sunday, September 11, 2011. Please consider donating the following supplies now: children's blunt tip scissors, 70 page spiral

notebooks, 12" rulers (with centimeter markings also), hand held pencil sharpeners, and 24 count box of Crayola crayons. Also, if you have good quality used backpacks, we can distribute those to children in need through a separate program, so put those in the collection box too. Watch future GCC publications for information on the actual assembly project so you can participate in that too!

Thank you from your friends on the Missions Outreach Board.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 2Q11

# Glenview Community Church Glenview, Illinois

Total Pledge collections YTD June 2011 (defined as Current Pledges, Non-Pledges, Pledge Overage, and Prior Year Pledges) totaled \$494,630 compared to a budget of \$478,578. These four revenue lines are shown separately below. Comparatively, Total Pledge collections YTD June 2010 totaled \$477,055 with a budget of \$520,800.

Expenses tracked well to budget in all departments. The major expense categories are shown below.

Revenues exceeded Expenses for YTD June 2011 by \$15,495.

		<u>Actual</u>		<u>Budget</u>	Over / (Under)
<u>Revenues</u>					
Current Pledges	\$	456,368	\$	435,013	\$ 21,355
Non-Pledges		27,522		30,710	( 3,188)
Pledge Overage		2,550		2,855	( 305)
Prior Year Pledges		8,190		10,000	( 1,810)
Missions		8,586		10,055	( 1,469)
All Other		43,897		<u>49,771</u>	( <u>5,874)</u>
Total Revenues	\$	547,113	\$	538,404	\$ 8,709
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<u>Expenses</u> Pastoral	\$	137,438	\$	140,267	(\$ 2,829)
Administration	Ψ	93,580	Ψ	92,678	(ψ 2,029) 902
Property		127,101		138,148	( 11,047)
Mission Board		52,612		54,081	( 1,469)
All Other Boards		120,887		126,549	( 5,662)
Capital Reserve		- 0 -		- 0 -	- 0 -
Total Expenses	\$	531,618	\$	551,723	(\$ 20,105)
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Net Revenue (Expenses)	\$	15,495	(\$	13,319)	
General Reserve – 6/30/11		\$ 29,807			
Capital Reserve – 6/30/11		\$ 252,888			

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OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 p.m.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

**Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby, MD,** Transitional Senior Minister **Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler,** Minister for Spiritual Formation & Church Operations

**DIRECTORS:** 

Marilyn Belleau, RN, Health Ministry Kathy Lifton, Children's Ministry Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, Youth Ministry Debby Shellard, Children's Choirs Gary Wendt, Music & Organist

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**Marcia Kiraly,** *Director, GCC Nursery School* **Barbara Thewis,** *Manager, Resale Shop* 

## **Return Service Requested**

### At A Glance

THUR		
8/25	6:30 PM	Bell Rehearsal, Bell Rm
FRI		
8/26	8:00 PM	AA Meetings, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon Meetings, Rm 201
SAT		
8/27		No events scheduled
SUN		
8/28	9:30 AM	Worship Service, Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Hour, Narthex & Garden
	10:30 AM	Garden Tasting, Garden
	10:45 AM	Fellowship Board, Parlor
	10:45 AM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	4:00 PM	PYF Cooks, Various Rms
	4:00 PM	Voices of GCC Welcome Party

MON		
8/29		No events scheduled
TUES		
8/30	4:30 PM	HOP Leadership Meeting, Parlor
	6:30 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Choir Rm
	7:00 PM	HOP Operating Committee, Parlor
WED		
8/31	6:30 PM	BSA Troop 156 Meetings, Gym

### **Broadcaster Deadlines**

Please submit articles by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday to Tania McCarthy via e-mail at <u>tania</u>. <u>mccarthy@gccucc.org</u>.

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